



"Overboard with Our Jonah."

The Albany (N. Y.) Argus Presents "with Apologies to None" what it Calls "A Few Plain, Cold Truths" for New York Democracy

The Albany (N. Y.) Argus was recognized during the recent campaign as the personal organ of David B. Hill and the up-state democracy. After the recent election the Argus printed an editorial entitled "Overboard With Our Jonah." The Argus editorial was as follows:

"Now that the returns are substantially complete, since rainbow chasing has ceased and the heavens are clear and facts are now in full show, the Argus proposes, with apologies to none, to put a few plain, cold truths for the consideration of the democracy of the state.

"Judge Alton B. Parker was the choice of every delegate to Saratoga who was observant of present conditions and capable of comprehending the duty of the hour. If it had been permitted to present this name to the convention he would have been nominated with a mighty shout that would have resounded through the state, and a hundred thousand majority would have helped him push Odell over the brink; for there was a democrat possessed of all those qualities that promote loyalty, party harmony and the perpetuation of party ties and that make for the uplifting of citizenship, the party and the state. His election as governor would have meant for the party national prominence, and for him the presidential nomina-

tion in 1904. Nobody in the whole state more keenly realized these facts than David B. Hill.

"With an instinct that was criminal in its selfishness Mr. Hill manipulated matters and brought to the fore a candidate whom he counted less likely to thwart his own presidential plans. Then he carefully contrived a cell for his candidate's confinement during the entire campaign. With none of the Ishmaelite's cunning he himself stepped briskly to the front and thus stirred the resentments and hatred that were smouldering in every corner of the state—a frightful accumulation, the bitter growth of thirty years of prominence in the politics of the democratic party.

"To stoop to conquer was never for an instant contemplated by the selfish politician, Hill. Finding himself in supreme control of the party machine, he deliberately sought out the democrats who had stood at bay in periods past, and like a Mad Mullah he rode at them and over them and back and forth and beat them into the dust.

"The man on horseback had a mission of an intensely personal nature to perform, and madly he galloped on his headstrong way.

"But why multiply reasons for this astounding disaster? Rather let democrats turn to the future and sternly prepare to discharge the supreme duty

of the hour, disagreeable as it may be.

"The state democracy owes allegiance to our brethren below the Bronx. The loyalty of Greater New York has been emphasized so strikingly this year that never again may a state democrat question it. We can see now that we never should have questioned it in the recent past, save for the doubts so subtly sown by David B. Hill, sown, as we must believe, for the purpose of eternally perpetuating the feud between the democrats of the interior and those of the great city at the southern end of the state. The selfishness of it all is equally effective whether the cunning is practiced by the unfortunate charged with the control of the inmates of the inner court of the Oriental despot and keeping each constantly inflamed against the other, or by the enlightened citizen of the state of New York.

"Misfortune after misfortune has befallen the democratic party year after year for a full decade—to be candidly specific, ever since Hill's snap convention.

"In justice to our own reputation for party fealty, in justice to the democratic party of the state, we must, if we hope ever again to participate in the affairs of the nation, be rid of David B. Hill as our state leader.

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Articulation vs. Action.

In his address before the New York chamber of commerce Mr. Roosevelt said: "It is a pleasure to address a body whose members possess to an eminent degree the traditional self-reliance of spirit which makes them scorn to ask from the government, whether of state or of nation, anything but a fair field and no favor; who confide not in being helped by others, but in their own skill, energy and business capacity to achieve success."

These are strange words to come from a republican statesman; and yet, after all, when one imagines, as he well may, the disgust with which republican statesmen have repeatedly undertaken the task of complying with the demands of the tariff barons it is not at all surprising that these statesmen should find some relief in addressing a body whose members "scorn to ask from the government but a fair field and no favor."

The Chicago Record-Herald, a republican paper, commenting on this statement of President Roosevelt's, says:

This was commendation of a sound principle as well as of the listening association, and the principle might be invoked very aptly in what the president has to say in his annual message on the subject of the tariff and the trusts. For the trusts, or some of them, have come to rely upon the tariff as a premium producer. They take it as a tribute from the American people which enables them to sell abroad considerably below the prices at which they sell at home, and when they are reminded of the fact they attempt to justify a government patronage which the president condemns. Their attitude is that of righteous beneficiaries who want something more than "a fair field and no favors," and who would eke out their own skill, energy and business capacity with all the gratuities that are obtainable.

Such dependence is really unworthy the remarkable genius for business with which they are credited, and if they will not themselves reject further help with a fine scorn the people should give them a salutary discipline by throwing them on their own resources.

It will be interesting to carefully examine Mr. Roosevelt's forthcoming message to see whether the president has set the seal of disapproval on

men who not only ask, but who demand from the government favors and privileges which the government, in conscience, has no right to bestow—favors and privileges that are given to the great disadvantage of the people.

Taking Care of Trusts.

The Kansas City Journal, a republican paper, outlines the republican tariff policy in an interesting and instructive way. The Journal says:

Formerly the chief aim of the protectionists was to save home markets from invasion by cheap foreign goods. Now, however, they have a dual aim: to protect the home market and to capture foreign markets. For this double purpose a dual policy has been devised. To save domestic industries that cannot withstand foreign competition, the policy of protection will be maintained. To aid home industries that cannot only stand alone, but are able to compete with foreign concerns on their own field, provided they are not prevented from doing so by foreign tariff barriers, the policy of reciprocity will be urged. Such reductions or raises in rates will be made by congress as are consistent with the former policy; and the administration already is negotiating several treaties which, if adopted, will give numerous American products special privileges in the markets of a number of foreign countries.

The Journal then explains: "In these two ways tariff revision will in due time be effected if republicans are kept in power."

It will be observed that the Journal provides no hope for those who have been anxious that the monopolies which find shelter in the tariff be deprived of their high privileges. On the contrary, whatever is done in the way of "revision" the interests of these great combinations are to be considered at all times while no attention is to be paid to the interests of the people.

The Newspaper Lottery.

Mr. Bryan in his Commoner has taken up the advertising of the Tribune's distribution enterprise, on estimates of the vote cast at the recent election. The trouble with Mr. Bryan in this, as in most things, is that he is a trifle belated; his advertisement of the Tribune isn't worth anything now, either to him or to us, and it only serves to exhibit the lack of

discrimination in his mental processes.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The Commoner delayed calling attention to the Salt Lake Tribune's lottery scheme until it would be too late to serve as an advertisement thereof. Then it did call attention to it because it was a gambling game, pure and simple, and as much calculated to appeal to the gambling spirit as the chuck-luck board, the policy game, the wheel of fortune, the slot machine or the faro bank. Attention was called to it for the purpose of exposing a lottery which, if not already a violation of the anti-lottery laws, should be made illegal without loss of time. Calling a gambling game a "distribution enterprise" makes it none the less vicious. The trouble with such "distribution enterprises" is that they are immoral in their tendencies as well as in their very natures, and so framed as to enable their promoters to make a profit without returning an equivalent to the people who patronize them.

It was to be expected, however, that a newspaper that would engage in a lottery like that of the Tribune's would not be able to see in a just criticism anything more than a free advertisement for its immoral scheme. The Tribune's reply confesses all that The Commoner charged.

Formalities to be Observed.

Henry Watterson has nominated Senator Gorman of Maryland for president, but there are three questions to be settled before his candidate's name appears on the ticket:

First—Mr. Watterson must agree not to throw him overboard before the convention.

Second—Senator Gorman must consent to run.

Third—Mr. Watterson must persuade a majority of the democratic voters to accept his platform and his choice.

These little formalities will require some time.

Later: Bro. Watterson has already commenced to hedge.

Some of the gentlemen who so strenuously insisted upon the Panama route manage to assume quite an air of surprise and indignation when they think of the obstacles that have arisen.